

Open Space Committee 3_26_2015
Approve 4_23_2015

Present: Leslie Mayer, David White, Ann LeRoy, Joey Glushko, Elizabeth Karpati, Jane Auger

Guest: Ralph Willmer

The meeting was called to order at 7:40 pm

Minutes from December 2014 meeting were approved; notes from January and February were accepted

Open Space and Recreation Plan

Ann/OSC is on the agenda for the Board of Selectmen meeting next Monday (3/30) to present the Open Space and Recreation Plan, and ask for letter of support
ARB meeting may also be held on Monday. Ann will attend to seek letter of support and ARB adoption of the Plan as drafted.

Re: proposed Mugar parcel development - part of the Chapter 40B regulations requires that to appeal a housing development proposal, the Town has to show that an open space plan has been adopted...thus the need for adoption by the ARB as the official planning authority.
OSC also needs to officially adopt the Plan, and then submit it to the Commonwealth Division of Conservation Services (DCS) for approval.

OSC Vote: "to officially adopt the Open Space and Recreation Plan 2015-2022 with minor edits as required, and inclusions of letters of support":

Elizabeth Karpati: made a motion to adopt the Open Space and Recreation Plan, version 3_20_15, pending minor edits and inclusion of letters of support

Leslie Mayer: seconded the motion

Motion was unanimously **approved** by the members present.

Letters of Support are being sought from:
Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC)
Board of Selectmen
Park and Recreation Commission
Conservation Commission
Arlington Redevelopment Board

Master Plan

Has been adopted by the ARB, as of February 4, 2015; it will be presented to Town Meeting for endorsement. Information sessions have been held for Town Meeting members, and were fairly well attended. The Master Plan is a template, but many changes and implementation actions always have to be voted on by TM in future years.

State Ethics Law: reminder by Joey for all OSC members to redo online Ethics training.

Membership on OSC

Lisa and Patsy are resigning; we need to solicit new members.

Lisa was the ARB representative, and Patsy represented the Town.

Suggestions for potential future members were discussed.

Joey reviewed the DCS suggestions of types of members for Open Space Committees

Future Projects to consider:

Con Comm inventory of water bodies, with support from water bodies fund
Inventory of unprotected land holdings, as part of a Master Plan recommendation
Mugar campaign to save the wetlands in East Arlington
Posting maps and other information on Town website for PDF downloads/smart phone use.
ADA upgrades at Park and Rec sites, per their recent analysis and study recommendations.

Project Updates

David - ACROSS Lexington - Maps to be available in April
Leslie - Tennis courts at Spy Pond Park to be rebuilt this spring/summer as a Park and Rec capital project for this year
David - Reservoir Committee to sponsor hand harvesting of water chestnuts; needs places to launch canoes and will investigate options.

Next OSC Meetings

4th Thursdays of the month unless noted
Next meeting April 23, May 28, June 25, July TBD, August TBD, September 24, October 22, November TBD, December TBD

Meeting adjourned at 8:55pm

Submitted by Jane Auger